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Pat. Nos. 4,855,172, 5,242,727 and 5,234,987 the subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference. Another EPDM tape composition is described in co-pending application U.S. Pat. No. 5,504,136, the subject matter of which is also incorporated herein by reference.

**In the claims:**

Please replace the following claims. A marked-up copy of the claims has been attached hereto.

B' 5/10/11 1. (Amended) A method for applying walkway pads to roofing membranes, the  
2 method comprising:  
3 affixing a solids tape to one flat surface of a walkway pad, where the  
4 tape carries a protective layer of release paper, and where said step of affixing  
5 occurs at the location where the pad is manufactured;  
6 stripping said release paper from said tape immediately prior to use;  
7 subsequently placing the exposed surface of said tape directly onto the  
8 upper surface of the roofing membrane; and,  
9 applying force directly to said walkway pad to enhance the bond  
10 between said pad and the membrane created by said tape.

1 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, where said walkway pad comprises  
2 asphaltic materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM  
2 rubber, butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1 4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said walkway pads comprise  
2 rubber-based materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl  
3 rubbers.

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1 6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the additional step of

2 preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad  
3 will be applied prior to said step of removing.

1 7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said step of preparing includes  
2 the step of priming the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad  
3 will be applied prior to said step of removing.

Please add the following claims.

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1 8. A method for applying a walkway pad to a roofing membrane, said method  
2 comprising:  
3 providing a walkway pad to a rooftop, where the walkway pad includes  
4 a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the walkway pad; and  
5 applying the walkway pad to a roofing membrane located on the  
6 rooftop.

1 9. The method of claim 8, where said tape is applied proximal to opposed edges  
2 of the flat surface of the walkway pad.

1 10. The method of claim 8, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic  
2 materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber,  
2 butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based  
2 materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

1 13. The method of claim 8, further including the additional step of  
2 preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad  
3 will be applied prior to said step of removing.

1 14. The method of claim 8, where the 100% solids tape is applied to a flat surface  
2 of the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufactured.

1 15. The method of claim 14; where the 100% solids tape is applied to a flat  
2 surface of the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

1 16. A method for providing walkway pads to service personnel who will apply the  
2 pads to a roofing membrane, said method comprising:

3 preparing a self-adhering walkway pad by affixing a solids tape to a flat  
4 surface of a walkway pad, where said solids tape carries a protective layer of  
5 release paper;

6 bundling a plurality of self-adhering walkway pads for delivery; and,  
7 delivering the plurality of self-adhering walkway pads to service  
8 personnel for application of the walkway pads to a roofing membrane.

1 17. The method of claim 16, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic  
2 materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber,  
2 butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1 19. The method of claim 16, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based  
2 materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

1 20. The method of claim 16, where said tape is affixed proximal to opposed edges  
2 of said flat surface of the walkway pad.

1 21. The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of  
2 the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufacture.

1 22. The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of  
2 the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

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1 23. The method of claim 16, where the tape is a 100% solids tape.

1 24. The method of claim 8, where the tape carries a protective layer of release  
2 paper; and further comprising the step of removing the release paper from the tape.

1 25. A method of constructing a roof, said method comprising the steps of:  
2 constructing a roof deck;  
3 placing a layer of insulation over said roof deck;  
4 placing a membrane over said insulation;  
5 providing a plurality of walkway pads to the roof, where the walkway  
6 pads include a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the  
7 walkway pad prior to said step of providing the plurality of walkway pads;  
8 and  
9 placing the plurality of walkway pads over said membrane.

1 26. A roof comprising:  
2 a roof deck;  
3 a layer of insulation over said roof deck;  
4 a membrane over said insulation; and  
5 a plurality of walkway pads adhered to said membrane, where said  
6 plurality of walkway pads are adhered to said membrane by providing to the  
7 roof a plurality of walkway pads that include a solids tape applied to a  
8 substantially planar surface of the walkway pads prior to their delivery to the  
9 roof.

1 27. A method of making a walkway pad, said method comprising the steps of:  
2 constructing a walkway pad within a factory; and  
3 applying a solids tape to a substantially planar surface of the walkway  
4 pad while the walkway pad remains within the same factory that the walkway  
5 pad was constructed.